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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1457

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CASC

SUBJECT: WILLIAM THOMAS CASE

REF: TRIPOLI 1446 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON DECEMBER 29 AHMAD MRAWHIL SAID THAT HIS REVIEW OF THE THOMAS CASE WILL BE COMPLETE AFTER HE TALKS WITH FOUR MORE PEOPLE ABOUT IT. HE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE PURPOSELY STALLING AND WE SUSPECT THAT HE IS ONLY NOW DOING SOME OF THE ROUTINE INVESTIGATION THAT BARUN'S OFFICE COULD HAVE DONE MONTHS AGO.

2. WE ARE FORMALLY REQUESTING FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN MRAWHILL AND CONSULAR OFFICER. WE ALSO HOPE TO DISCUSS THE CASE THIS WEEK WITH MUHAMMAD NAJAH, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. THOMAS HAS PHONED HIS WIFE IN MADRID SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST WEEK BUT HIS LETTERS ARE NOT GETTING THROUGH TO HER. BOTH ARE UNDERSTANDABLY INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE. SEVERAL OF THEIR FRIENDS IN MADRID HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS TO LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN ABOUT THE CASE AND THOMAS IS DEBATING WHETHER TO TAKE THE STORY TO THE PRESS THOUGH WE STILL FEEL THAT TAKING THE CASE TO THE PRESS COULD BACKFIRE.

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